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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: NATO, NPG, PFOR, BE  
SUBJECT: NPG MEMBERSHIP

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1. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT POSITION ON TERMS AND COMPOSITION  
OF NPG MEMBERSHIP, REPORTED 76 USNATO 6434 (DTG 241805Z  
NOV 76,) MUST BE SEEN IN CONTEXT OF CERTAIN BASIC BELGIAN  
FOREIGN POLICY TENETS. AMONG THESE IS THE CONSCIOUS  
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POLICY ON THE PART OF BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO BELONG AND  
PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF  
ALL SORTS IN ORDER TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ITS  
VIEWPOINTS HEARD EFFECTIVELY. THEREFORE, DESPITE DAVIGNON'S  
DEPARTURE FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WE BELIEVE THAT  
THE OPINIONS PRESENTED BY BELGIAN PERMREP LAST NOVEMBER  
ARE STILL FIRMLY HELD. WE DO NOT FORESEE ANY

CHANCE THAT THIS VIEWPOINT RE NPG WILL CHANGE SHOULD THERE BE A CHANGE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AFTER THE NEW BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IS FORMED.

2. SECONDLY, ANY HINT OF A RESTRICTED DIRECTORSHIP WITHIN THE NATO ALLIANCE IS AN ANATHEMA FOR BELGIUM, ESPECIALLY IF THE FRENCH OR GERMANS ARE INVOLVED. BELGIUM CAN USUALLY BE COUNTED ON TO GO ALONG WITH ITS ALLIANCE PARTNERS, IF IT IS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY FROM THE OUTSET TO TRY TO INFLUENCE ITS PARTNERS.

3. WE CONCLUDE, THEREFORE, THAT BELGIUM WILL CONTINUE TO FAVOR AN EXPANSION OF THE NPG PERMANENT MEMBERSHIP AND WOULD LIKE TO BE COUNTED AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE NPG.

4. WE FURTHER BELIEVE THAT BELGIUM WOULD FAVOR A POSSIBLE MELDING OF CONVENTIONAL AND NUCLEAR MILITARY ISSUES IN A NATO FORUM. BELGIUM BASES ITS DEFENSE ON ITS MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. BELGIUM WOULD, WE BELIEVE, HOLD THE VIEW THAT BOTH ISSUES WHICH ADDRESS THE OVERALL SECURITY OF THE WEST CAN BEST BE TREATED IN ONE COORDINATED NATO FORUM, IN WHICH BELGIUM WOULD COUNT ON PARTICIPATING. RENNER

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